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SUBJ: ISRAELI CABINET TO AUTHORIZE RABIN'S WASHINGTON VISIT

1. ISRAELI CABINET, AT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 25, IS EXPECTED TO AUTHORIZE RABIN'S ACCEPTANCE OF INVITATION TO COME TO WASHINGTON, AND PRESUMABLY ALSO TO DECIDE ON ACCEPTABLE DATE. HAARETZ (GOLAN) SPECULATES THAT RABIN VISIT WILL TAKE PLACE IN FIRST WEEK OF SEPTEMBER WHILE ITS WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT REPORTS THAT ISRAELI EMBASSY HAS RECOMMENDED SEPTEMBER 10.

2. HAARETZ (GOLAN) AUGUST 23 WRITES THAT CABINET WILL ALSO DISCUSS FORMULATION OF ISRAELI POLICY ON NEXT STAGE OF NEGOTIATIONS. ACCORDING TO GOLAN, THERE ARE PRESENTLY TWO DISTINCT CAMPS WITHIN GOI. RABIN, PERES, YAACOBI, GALILI AND HILLEL REPORTEDLY FAVOR NEXT STAGE WITH EGYPT, WHILE ALLON, ZADOK, YARIV, KOL, ALONI, HAUSNER, SHEMTOV AND ROSEN FAVOR GIVING PRIORITY TO NEGOTIATIONS WITH JORDAN. BARAM AND YADLIN ARE UNCOMMITTED, BUT LEAN TOWARD RABIN CAMP.

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3. GOLAN ADDS THAT MAIN THESIS OF RABIN GROUP IS THAT, IN ADDITION TO CENTRALITY OF EGYPT TO NEGOTIATING PROCESS, TALKS WITH JORDAN ARE DANGEROUS POLITICAL MINEFIELD, WHEREAS ALLON GROUP BELIEVES THAT JORDAN IS KEY TO MIDDLE EAST PEACE PROSPECTS AND THAT TIME IS RUNNING IN FAVOR OF PLO AND AGAINST HUSSEIN.

4. WHILE CABINET DISCUSSION WILL PROVIDE OPORTUNITY FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION OF THIS QUESTION, WE DO NOT EXPECT THAT ANY BINDING DECISION WILL BE TAKEN AS TO POLICY LINE WHICH RABIN WILL PRESENT IN WASHINGTON.

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